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SUBJECT: OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES FOR AMMUNITION AIRLIFT TO
ETHIOPIA

1. SUMMARY - THIS MESSAGE ALERTS ADDRESSEE POSTS TO
POSSIBLE FORTHCOMING REQUESTS FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN OB-
TAINING OVERFLIGHT OR TECHNICAL STOP CLEARANCES FROM HOST
GOVERNMENTS FOR AIRLIFT OF AMMUNITION TO ETHIOPIA. END
SUMMARY.

2. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 17 USG
DECISION TO SELL TO ETHIOPIA'S PROVISIONAL MILITARY
GOVERNMENT (PMG) UP TO \$7 MILLION WORTH OF AMMUNITION IN
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RESPONSE TO RECENT ETHIOPIAN REQUEST.

3. PART OF THIS AMMUNITION WILL BE AIRLIFTED BY COMMERCIAL CHARTER, PROBABLY SEABORD WORLD AND OTHERS, WITH FIRST '

FLIGHT SCHEDULED TO LEAVE MARCH 21.

4. WHILE NECESSARY OVERFLIGHT AND TECHNICAL STOP AUTHORIZATIONS WILL BE REQUESTED BY CARRIERS VIA NORMAL CIVIL AIR CHANNELS, IT IS BELIEVED THAT OFFICIAL SUPPORT FOR THESE REQUESTS BY ADDRESSEE POSTS WILL EXPEDITE CLEARANCES. THEREFORE, ONCE FLIGHT ROUTES ARE DETERMINED, DEPARTMENT

WILL INSTRUCT SELECTED ADDRESSEES TO APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS IN MANNER THEY DEEM MOST APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE IN ORDER TO INFORM THEM OF FORTHCOMING CLEARANCE REQUESTS AND ASK THAT THEY EXPEDITE CLEARANCE PROCESS SO AIRLIFT CAN PROCEED ON SCHEDULE. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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